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TAGS: FINS, SHUM, IS, JO

SUBJ: RELEASE OF TAYMONDA TAWIL

REF: (A) JERUSALEM 1295 AND PREVIOUS; (B) TEL AVIV 5900

- 1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: RAMALLAH ACTIVIST RAYMONDA TAWIL WAS RELEASED FROM ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION MAY 7. NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST HER. END UNCLASSIFIED.
- 2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO FORMAL CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO HER RELEASE, TAWIL FAMILY HAS BEEN ADVISED BY MAPAM FRIENDS THAT SHE WILL HAVE TO TAKE GREAT CARE IN HER PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES IF SHE IS TO REMAIN FREE. FOR THE TIME BEING ANYWAY, SHE SEEMS AMEMABLE TO THESE SELF-IMPOSSED RESTRICTIONS. WHILE CONTINUING TO SUFFER SLIGHTLY FROM A KIDNEY AILMENT, MR. TAWIL'S HEALTH IS GOOD.
- 3. SPECULATION ABOUNDS ON WHY SHE HAS BEEN RELEASED. THE "JERUSALEM POST" REPORTS MAY 8 THAT WEIZMAN "WHO HAS RECENTLY CONCERNED HIMSELF WITH VARIOUS MATTERS IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA" GAVE THE ORDER PERSONALLY. IN THIS CONNECTION, DISMISSAL LAST WEEK OF WEST BANK MILGOV CONFIDENTIAL

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IS MENTIONED.

4. NO DOUBT GOI COULD EASILY HAVE BUILT A CASE AGAINST MRS. TAWIL BASED ON HER CONTACTS WITH PLO WHILE TRAVELING ABROAD AND CONTACTS FROM THE WEST BANK WITH PLO NEWS BUREAUS. THAT THEY DIDN'T REFLECTS NOT ONLY HER CLOSE CONTACTS WITH INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENTS,

BUT ALSO WITH SYMPATHIZERS IN ISRAELI AND WORLD JEWRY.

5. USG EXPRESSION OF CONCERN (REF B), WHILE NOT PUBLICIZED, WAS KNOWN AND APPRECIATED BY FAMILY.

6. WE UNDERSTAND NBC HAS SCHEDULED INTERVIEW AND "TIME" WILL BE MENTIONING TAWIL AFFAIR. ENCONFIDENTIAL KARUSE

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